

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION**

ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY COMPLAINT NO. R5-2015-0520

**CHRISTOPHER CORDES, EDDIE AXNER CONSTRUCTION, INC., AND EDDIE AXNER
ASSESSOR PARCEL 041-300-035-000
SHASTA COUNTY**

DECLARATION OF DALE FLECHER, BUILDING DIVISION MANAGER / BUILDING OFFICIAL

I, DALE J. FLETCHER, declare as follows:

1. I am the Building Division Manager / Building Official employed by the County of Shasta Resource Management Department. I have been employed by the County of Shasta Resource Management Department since July 30, 2012. My business address is 1855 Placer Street, Redding, California. Prior to working for the County of Shasta Resource Management Department, I was employed in other municipal jurisdictions as a building inspector since 1996. I continue to receive continuing education as part of my current employment.

2. Since the date of my employment, I have been assigned as the Building Official - Building Division/Code Enforcement Manager. As a part of my duties I oversee the enforcement of the laws regarding nuisance abatement. I coordinate and manage field inspectors to ensure that nuisances are abated. Since July 2012, I have personally inspected approximately 100 field sites, and I have supervised the investigation of more than 1,000 nuisance cases.

3. On April 30th 2014 the Department of Resource Management received a Citizen complaint for grading, occupying an RV, and Marijuana on Parcel Number 041-300-035-000.

On May 1th, 2014 Parcel research was conducted and a well permit (WTR13-124)-was applied for. No further permits were found.

4. On the May 5th, 2014 the Shasta County MET (Marijuana Eradication Team) flew the parcel at my request and confirmed the violations.

5. On May 8th, 2014 I made a phone call to Mr. Cordes to verify who was doing the grading work on site. Mr. Cordes mentioned that he was leasing the property to other individuals and he did not know who was doing the work. He later confirmed the work was performed by Eddie Axner but would not provide the names of the people leasing the land. I did remind Mr. Cordes that he is responsible for any illegal activity on site and he is required to STOP all illegal activity on the site, he agreed and assured me that the work and activity would stop.

6. On May 8th, 2014 I spoke to Eddie Axner and he did admit to doing grading work on site without grading permits. He also confirmed that Mr. Cordes from Pensacola Florida was the person who had hired him to do the work.

7. On May 22nd, 2014 The Shasta County Marijuana Eradication Team did fly and photograph the parcel again and confirmed that the owner did not stop the illegal activity and was preparing grow boxes on site, performed additional grading, and excavated in-ground boxes.

8. On June 9th, 2014 I was advised by Shasta County Marijuana Eradication Team, the owner has planted Marijuana and has continued the illegal activity.

9. On June 19, 2014 I called Mr. Cordes and requested access to the property and refused entry.

10. My office has provided the Prosecution Team with photographs of the property taken by County of Shasta Resource Management Department staff and kept by your office during the regular course of business.

11. The facts set forth herein are personally known to me, and I have firsthand knowledge of the same. If called as a witness, I could and would competently testify thereto under oath.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

April 16th, 2015
Date: _____ at Shasta County, California

Dale J. Fletcher
Dale J. Fletcher, CBO
Shasta County Building Official